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**WESTERN BERING SEA TANNER CRAB FISHERY
CLOSURE REMINDER**

The 2017/18 western Bering Sea Tanner crab fishery will close by regulation at 11:59 pm on March 31, 2018. Following the closure, directed and incidental retention of Tanner crab in all waters of the Bering Sea is prohibited.

All pots must be open and unbaited at the time of the closure. Open and unbaited pots may be stored on the fishing grounds for up to 14 days following the closure. After 14 days, pots must be removed from the water or placed in long-term storage.

Fishermen may not have Tanner crab onboard the vessel after 72 hours following the closure. If fishermen are delivering Tanner crab to King Cove and need additional time to deliver, contact ADF&G in Dutch Harbor by phone at (907) 581-1239, email (dfg.dutchharbor@alaska.gov), or dispatch (1234).

For more information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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